



North West Kent Family History Society

(Covering N W Kent and ancient Kent parishes now in S E London)

BROMLEY BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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September 2016

Forthcoming Meetings

Bromley Branch meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month, at Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley, BR1 3NS.

Doors are open 9.45am and, prior to the meeting starting at 10.30am, members have an opportunity to browse the exchange journals, bookstall and library tables. Advice is available on problems regarding research, including computing. Tea and Coffee is available before and after the meeting. Visitors are very welcome, but if they wish to attend further meetings, then we would request that they apply for membership.

Today – “Shopkeeper Ancestors” Sources for finding out about a trade and the shop itself, by Sue GIBBONS.

15th Oct – “Bromley’s Conscientious Objectors” by Janet DIGBY.

19th Nov – “A History of British Music Halls – How they began, rose in popularity, and declined 1850 to 1950”, by Alan BAKER

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Dartford Branch meetings are held at Dartford Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford, DA1 2LY on the first Saturday of the month. Doors are open from 9.45am; the meeting starts at 10.30am.

1st Oct – “How to research your house history”
On covering the secrets behind your front door
by Melanie BACKE-HANSEN

5th Nov – “Third Afghan War 1919 - 94 days of unwanted conflict”, by Glen JONES

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Sevenoaks Branch meetings are held at Sevenoaks Community Centre, located in Otford Road, Sevenoaks, TN14 5DN Junction with Crampton Rd (close to the A25 Bat & Ball junction) on the second Thursday of the month. Doors are open at 7.15pm, meeting starts at 8.00pm.

13th Oct – “WW2 escape lines” – the routes that criss-crossed Europe by Geoff COWLING

10th Nov – “For the High Jump.” The story of capital punishment in Britain, by John MILLS

Society Library Workshops

Workshops are run on Wednesdays from 10:30 – 12:30 at the society’s Library & Resource Centre, Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, DA5 2EE. A£5 donation is kindly requested for each workshop.

Next Workshop Wednesday 19th October 2016

Writing Family Histories - This led-discussion group will not tell you how to write or even how to write up your family history but will help you to think widely about communicating your research to your chosen audience. Pauline is not an expert at family history research but enjoys words, attends a creative writing group and edits our journal. It would be helpful to bring a simple family tree of three generations or more, hand sketched is fine, and a timeline of events from the life of one of your ancestors. - Leader Pauline HEATHCOTE.

Followed by Wednesday 16 November 2016

Brick Walls - Thinking Outside the Box - Mind Maps and other Methods This workshop will try to suggest methods of thinking about how to overcome those 'brick walls' that every family historian meets. It will use the attendees' own stumbling blocks to discuss sources, how to set out the known facts and suggest research to help solve the problem. Attendees' submitted brick walls will be used as case studies. - Leader David CUFLEY.

For further details, please see the subject list on our notice table or speak to a committee member. Bookings can be made from the Branch meeting or you can email to workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

PROJECTS

Cudham Parish Registers

Transcription of the Cudham Baptism register for 1813-1847 is proceeding very well, and some checking has been started. But we need some more volunteers to check the transcriptions. This does not involve using a computer. If you have an hour or so to spare, please talk to Caroline and volunteer.

The Society Website

At present the problems are still being sorted out. Further news will be published when the problems have been resolved.



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NWKFHS Calendar 2017

The competition winners have been chosen the Calendars **are now on sale** will branch meetings and Society events, for £4.50 each. For orders by post contact chair@nwkfhs.org.uk. Names of the winners will be published in the December Journal.

BRANCH TASK-HOLDERS

In order for your Branch meetings to run smoothly in the future **more volunteers are required** as task-holders.

Exchange Journals - We have had an offer of storage in Beckenham, but we **still** require someone to transport them to and from meetings, perhaps on a rota basis.

Please talk to any committee member to see how you can help to run the Branch.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We have booked at "The Crown" on Bromley Common for Tuesday the 6th December at 12.30pm for 20 people. Two courses £9.90. Three courses £13.49.

We will need to know any special needs or diets

Please contact Janet or Ellen.

THE BOOKSTALL

Because of the cost of transporting the books between the three venues, and the low level of sales, the society has looked at the viability of running a bookstall at each venue each month. It has been decided that at Bromley and Sevenoaks the book stall will only be available on alternate months.

Bromley: September, November, January & March.

Sevenoaks: October, December, February & April.

Family History Talks

The Society needs more people willing to talk to other groups about basic Family History and the NWKFHS. Presentations can be provided.

If you would like to know more please talk to any trustee or contact the NWKFHS Publicity Officer Mike WEEKS, publicity@nwkfhs.org.uk

Temporary closure of Bromley Local Studies Library

The Local Studies Library on the second floor of the Central Library, Bromley **will be closed between Monday 22nd August and Saturday 1st October 2016** whilst the new museum exhibition display is built and installed.

As a result, access to local studies, archive and museum material (including electoral registers) during this period will be revised. Access will be **by advance appointment only** and will be facilitated on the first floor of the Central Library, Bromley.

Bromley Historic Collections staff will be available during the closure period to answer general enquiries via the central library enquiry desks on the first and second floors.

Appointments to view material will be available in two-hour time slots on Mondays to Fridays. There may be limitations to the amount of material that can be viewed during an appointment.

Access to the library edition of Ancestry will continue to be available on computers in any Bromley library.

Please contact us on 020 8461 7170 or by e-mail at historic.collections@bromley.gov.uk to enquire about access or to book an appointment.

Bromley Borough Local History Society

Meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the United Reform Church, Freelands Road, Bromley. Talks start at 7.45pm. Visitors welcome.

4th October - Story of Coles Child-Bromley resident and owner of Bromley Palace in 19thC. (Mary Mills)

1st November - A Beckenham family's WW1 archive. (Aura Hargreaves)

6th December - History of some London shops. (Susan Jenkinson)

For further details contact Mike WEEKS.

Bromley Branch Committee and Task holders

Clare Muscat* – Programme Organiser
Helen Daniels* – Refreshments/E.C. Rep
Pete Crawley* - Finance Officer/Newsletter
David Carter – Genealogy Advice/Problems
Caroline Blackett* – Minutes/Projects
Jennifer Peel - Sign-in Desk
Janet Akehurst* – Secretary/Bookstall
Lynn Overton et al - Exchange Journals.
Carol Clayton*

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